

THE BUILDERS

In this column will be found the names of the Boston Commandery Builders. The list is growing but not as fast as your officers would like. We must have many more names added before March 12, 1927. That is the date of our 125th Anniversary Celebration, and to make that the success that we want it to be, our builders must put forth their very best efforts. Now let us all get busy and see if we can fill one column of names for the next issue of THE CRUSADER.

Wm. L. Aldrich	Burton G. Ellis
Robert A. Bradshaw	Henry F. Freeman, Jr.
Wm. C. Bragg	John W. Knowles
Clifford M. Brewer	G. H. MacDonald
Osborne F. Briggs	Elmer G. Page
Frank O. Clark	Myron W. Sparks
Emdon B. Cornwell	Ernest Whitney
P. A. Brigham	Joseph W. Work
John F. Cook	F. P. Spaulding
R. G. Wilson	

SERIES OF DANCES AND ENTERTAINMENTS

The chairman of the entertainment committee would like the consensus of opinion of the members as to the advisability of having these parties this coming season. If interested in having them continued please drop a card or a letter to our **Capt. General W. P. Bullard, 110 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.**

They were a great success last year and many of the members and their friends enjoyed them.

THE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Did we have a party? I'll tell the world we had a party, a real one. If you missed it you are the looser, and you missed the time of your young life. Talk about black cats and owls

and bats, witches and other things to make the cold shivers chase themselves up and down your spine. But that's what we expect on Halloween and believe me we got it, and then some. The decorations were beautiful and very appropriate, a real Halloween dinner. Pumpkin pie, cider and everything necessary to make it a regular old timer. Favors for everybody and noise makers galore that made all kinds of noises and a lot of it, a snappy entertainment of music and mirth which brought forth many encores.

Sir Knight Richard Wilson favored us with a wonderful solo, in fact no entertainment is complete without a solo from Sir Knight Wilson. After the entertainment a dance with good music and a good dancing floor, the dancers in their Halloween hats of black and yellow made a picture that will be long remembered in the annals of Boston Commandery.

BOWLING

Monday evening the 8th, Boston Commandery Bowlers bowled the Clarendon Club of Somerville and strange to say only won one point with a ten-man team. This is the first defeat of the season. On Monday evening, December 20th, we have a return match at the Clarendon Club Alleys, West Somerville, and we are going to have real bowling that evening.

BOSTON COMMANDERY, K. T.

Congress Alleys

Clarendon Club—1371			Bos. Command—1347		
Abbott ...	83	97	Rowell ...	79	82
Mitchell ..	75	79	Currie ...	85	105
Cutler ...	96	114	Whitcomb. 78	93	87
Estes ...	97	126	Watson ...	105	98
Finnigan ..	81	85	Pettit ...	83	95
Totals ..	432	501	Totals ..	430	468

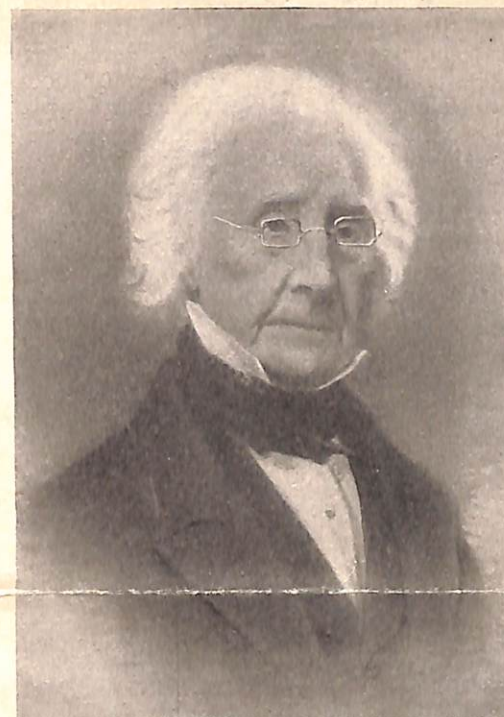
Clarendon Club—1404			Bos. Command—1236		
Reed ...	84	95	Field ...	79	82
Hanes ...	120	76	McGary ...	100	80
Galoska ...	74	89	McDonald 88	89	71
Sprague ...	88	106	Aldrich ...	83	81
Nichols ...	81	97	Swend ...	64	71
Totals ..	447	463	Totals ..	413	403

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OUR SECOND COMMANDER



ROBERT LASH

BORN in Boston, November 7, 1779. Initiated in Mt. Lebanon Lodge A.F. and A.M., October 25, 1801. Passed on the same date, and raised on November 20, 1801.

Served as Recording Secretary 1803-04 and 05. Elected Junior Warden 1808-09 and 10. Senior Warden 1811 and Master 1812 and 1822.

He joined St. Andrews Royal Arch Chapter, September 28, 1803, and served as High Priest in 1816 and 1817 and again in 1820 and 1821.

Received the order of Red Cross, March 28, 1804. In Boston Encampment, elected to office of Grand Master of Dispatches, December 19, 1804, which position he filled until June 3, 1815, when he was elected Senior Warden.

From November 15, 1815, until May 2, 1818, he filled the office of Prelate.

On May 2, 1818, he was elected Generalissimo and served until May 19, 1824, when he was elected Commander, in which office he served until October 19, 1825.

Being a literary man he was well qualified to fill with dignity and grace the several offices to which he had been elected. He was one of the prominent men of his day and a leader in the early history of Masonry.

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OUR DIVISION COMMANDER

Members of Boston Commandery will be interested and I know delighted to learn that Em. Sir Frederick H. Briggs is our Division Commander.

The dates of inspections are as follows:

- Feb. 7th, St. Johns No. 1
- Feb. 18th, Newburyport No. 3
- Mar. 16th, Boston No. 2
- Mar. 28th, Springfield No. 6
- Mar. 31st, Worcester No. 5
- May 18th, Washington No. 4

Em. Sir Frederick H. Briggs is Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He is also Representative of the Grand Commandery of Iowa, and Division Commander of the First Division.

125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INSTITUTION OF BOSTON COMMANDERY, MARCH 12, 1927

As many of our Sir Knights know, our officers are actively engaged in perfecting arrangements for the celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the organization of the body now known as Boston Commandery Knights Templars.

This date, March, 1802, antedates anything in the way of Knights Templarism in the whole United States.

While the first chief officer, Henry Fowle, then addressed as Royal Sovereign, instead of Eminent Commander, was not made a master mason until 1793, the seeds of Knights Templarism or rather the Order of the Red Cross, were sown in Boston long before that.

According to tradition, English army officers besieged in Boston by the Continental army in 1775, entertained themselves not only by conducting their own army blue lodges but by visiting the lodges established in Boston itself.

Here they found kindred spirits interested in taking further forward Masonic steps. Enough of these kindred spirits organized and so impressed the English officers that they gave them further instructions in what might be termed the rudiments of Red Cross and Knight Templar Masonry.

Even taking form as it did in 1802, Boston Commandery antedated any such organization as the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island or of the Grand Encampment.

In fact its officers had a very prominent part in the organization of these central bodies. Yet so impressed were these same officers of Boston Commandery with the desire to obtain regularity and a proper procedure to hand down to future generations of Sir Knights that in 1806 they petitioned and obtained from the grand body having jurisdiction a charter in proper form duly attested, etc.

It is hard, perhaps impossible, for us Sir Knights of the present day to fully comprehend the difficulties our predecessors went through in order to make the way easier for us. Even a trip to Providence was not merely the hour's ride that it is today. It was practically a day's journey each way. So that two or three days' time had to be taken away from ones ordinary vocation to attend to these matters.

In addition, there were trips to New York and Philadelphia proportionately longer that were attended to by our first corps of officers. They worked undoubtedly with the same earnestness and enthusiasm as do our corps of officers for 1926-27. Indeed the inspiration of what has been done before furnishes a large part of the

motive power that accomplishes what is being done today and what will be done in the future for Boston Commandery until time shall be no more.

The special features being prepared for the occasion will be such as will cause every Sir Knight in the jurisdiction to desire to be present with their *ladies*.

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TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE AT DETROIT

Just a word about the wonderful trip that is contemplated. Leave Boston July 14th, Montreal July 15th, visit Niagara Falls the 16th, arrive in Detroit the 17th. Boston Commandery headquarters at the Book-Cadillac Hotel, one of the newest and best houses in the middle west. 18th, 19th and 20th in Detroit. Morning of the 21st, leave for Toronto, a daylight ride, 22nd enroute for Montreal; all of this wonderful trip in

The Famous Special Raymond-Whitcomb Land Cruise Trains.

The Pullman Company built for the exclusive use of Raymond Whitcomb a series of special cars, embodying features hitherto unknown. Entertainment cars, with movie lecture, and dance-room; gymnasium with shower; library with well-stocked book-shelves; barbershop with shower; and such equipment as a moving picture-projector, radio, Orthophonic Victrola, etc.

Special sleeping-cars, with rooms with private bath attached, rooms with beds instead of berths, special ladies' lounges, special furniture such as wardrobes, dressing-tables, easy-chairs, shoe-lockers, etc. Further equipment includes all-drawing-room cars; compartment-and-drawing-room cars; latest model Pullman-section cars, either with compartments and drawing-rooms en suite or comfortable

observation space. At 6 P.M., July 22nd, will transfer to a special cruise steamer of the Canada Steamship line for a week's cruise to Quebec and the Saguenay River. 23rd, arrive at Quebec, a brief stop, then continue down the St. Lawrence with short stops at places of interest turning into the Saguenay in the afternoon. 24th, pass Capes Eternity and Trinity, arrive at Tadousac about 2 P.M. There will be an opportunity for golfing and fishing and in the evening dancing on the return trip. A day will be spent in Quebec sight-seeing. Arriving back in Montreal July 28th about 9 in the morning.

This is only a brief resumé of the trip, full details later. The cost of entire trip including every necessary expense except meals in Detroit will be about \$230.00. Reservations will be made in the order in which they are received, the first of course will have their choice. It is not too early to make your reservations now. For further particulars and reservations, apply to **W. P. Bullard, 110 Tremont Street, Boston, Mass.**

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

Capt. Hale is ready and willing to instruct members of Boston Commandery in Templar Tactics and fancy drill movements.

Special drill in Boston Commandery School of Instruction is held several times a month. If you wish to participate in this very interesting work communicate at once with Capt. Arthur N. Hale, 302 Melrose Street, Melrose Highlands.

LOST

A pair of gauntlets by "Nick" F. Bechtel, at our St. Johns day outing. They were brought back to the armory but have not yet been returned to Sir Knight Bechtel. Please return them at once. Thanks.